





ROCKEFELLER HALL, ERECTED 1886

PACKARD HALL. 1888

GILES HALL. 1893

Aid for MacVicar Hospital

Aid is necessary for the hospital, which receives outside patients for the training of the nurses. Pathetic cases come there, calling for reduced fees or free treatment. Six dollars a week provides for one of the free beds. Friends of the early days are passing away. After those who laid the foundation of Spelman sleep with their fathers, will a king arise who knows not Joseph? Will Spelman become a portionless, neglected orphan? She needs a liberal endowment. An orphan is not neglected when there is money in trust.

Spelman a Pioneer in Teacher Training

Spelman was a pioneer in the South in organizing a teacher-training course that requires its students to be high-school graduates and to give their undivided attention to direct preparation for teaching for a period of time long enough for each to take actual charge in all elementary English branches for sixteen weeks in each class. Besides this normal course, it offers to those who have completed a grammar-school course, a year of reviews in English branches with reference to teaching them, of lessons in school management, and of observation in the eight-grade practice school.

The Christian Workers' Course

The Christian workers' course attracts women of mature years who desire to make themselves more efficient in church and missionary service. They learn to organize and carry on Sunday-schools, mothers' and children's meetings, sewing classes, temperance bands, Bible meetings, — in short, to become valuable aids to their pastors in all branches of Christian work.

The Cottage Dormitory System

The cottage dormitory system has been preferred at Spelman, in spite of the fact that it calls for a larger force of teachers, for the sake of the home training it gives. The boarding students are divided into nine groups, at the head of each of which is a teacher who assigns daily duties, instructs in neatness, orderliness, and healthful ways of living, and controls her household as a mother rules her family. Her girls are responsible to her for all their hours outside of the schoolroom, — for recreation and study time, for the quiet passing to school, to the diningroom, and to chapel exercises. Their improvement in manners and morals is her daily care. Furthermore, most of the industrial courses of Spelman have a direct bearing on the future welfare of the homes of the students.

The present size and scope of the departments is to be gathered from the statistics of the year 1907–8. The numbers enrolled were as follows: In the college, 7; high school, 55; primary and grammar, 506; teacher training, 53; Christian workers, 14; nurse training, 17; agriculture, 153; basketry, 85; cooking, 172; dressmaking, 37; millinery, 47; printing, 26; sewing, 424; in industrial work as above, different students, 489. Total enrollment, 661; faculty, 50. The valuation of the property is \$306,471.45.

Some Results of Spelman's Work

Money invested in the education of a girl at Spelman yields large dividends. Americus Institute is reproducing the ways of Spelman in southern Georgia. A hospital in Alabama has at its head a Spelman nurse; so has another in Georgia. A preacher's wife is on the board of the Negro National Woman's Missionary